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Man Arrested After Bringing Gun to Court

Summary of Event:

A man was arrested yesterday after a deputy spotted him walking into traffic court with a gun tucked into his waist band. Deputies later served a search warrant at the suspect's home and seized marijuana plants. The man has an Oregon medical marijuana card, but was outside the program's restraints.

Details of Event:

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at about 3:30 p.m., a Washington County Sheriff's Detective saw a man in the parking lot of the Sheriff's Office east precinct. The man dropped a handgun and quickly picked it up and put it in his waist band. The man entered the building, where the Washington County Justice Court is located. The detective radioed for assistance while attempting to keep the suspect in sight.



Grant Thomas

The suspect entered the Washington County Justice Court while deputies were responding from the lower floor of the building. Deputies quietly notified the judge to clear the courtroom and then took 29-year-old Grant H. Thomas into custody. He was armed with a loaded .45 caliber handgun. Mr. Thomas was arrested without incident.

Detectives investigating the incident determined that Mr. Thomas does not have a concealed handgun permit. They also determined that Mr. Thomas had more guns in the car, along with evidence of a marijuana grow. The Westside Interagency Narcotics Team (WIN) was brought in to investigate the marijuana grow.

Mr. Thomas has a valid Oregon medical marijuana card, but it was discovered that he was growing more marijuana than he is allowed by law. Detectives served a search warrant and seized 44 marijuana plants and another handgun from Mr. Thomas' house. They also seized a loaded AR-10, .308 caliber assault rifle, from his vehicle in the parking lot of the court. Investigators left 24 plants that he is allowed to have under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

Mr. Thomas is being held at the Washington County Jail on \$500,000 bail. He has been charged with Possession of a Firearm in Court, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. Charges involving the marijuana grow are forthcoming.

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